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KVP Units Transferred

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REMARKS

- 25X1 ☐ 1. On 7 April 1953, three KVP trains, which carried tanks and AA guns and, ☐ came from Kietz, passed through Stendal toward Salzwedel. At 9 a.m. on 9 April 1953, a KVP train, which had come from the direction of Schoenhausen, passed through Stendal toward Wittenberge or Gardelegen. It included 15 boxcars with EM, 12 locked boxcars, some flatcars carrying three field kitchens and 15 light AT guns, 13 flatcars with 26 guns, which ☐ were 152-mm, and 3 flatcars with 12 AA guns. At 3:25 p.m. on the same day, a KVP train of 15 boxcars with EM and 11 flatcars with guns, which ☐ were 152-mm, traveled toward Salzwedel or Oebisfelde. At 1:40 p.m. on 10 April 1953, a KVP train of similar composition which traveled in the same direction carried motor vehicles ☐
- 25X1 ☐ 2. In the forenoon hours of 7 April 1953, a KVP train with about 200 infantrymen, 6 trucks and 1 sedan, which arrived from Prora, passed through Stralsund toward Pasewalk. At about 10:45 p.m. on 8 April 1953, a KVP train arrived at Stralsund from the direction of Bergen. ☐
- 25X1 ☐ On 9 April 1953, a KVP train arrived from Prora. This train, ☐ included about 200 EM and 9 canvas-covered guns, whose silhouettes resembled the field howitzers of the former German Army. <sup>2</sup>
3. At about 12 p.m. on 10 April 1953, a KVP train departed from Neubrandenburg toward Stralsund. It included 9 boxcars with EM and an unidentified number of flatcars with 18 AT guns of 37-mm or 45-mm, 4 ambulances and 4 field kitchens. <sup>2</sup>
4. On 10 and 11 April 1953, the entire KVP force at Premnitz was transferred to Eggesin. In the evening hours of 11 April 1953, an advance party of the Gotha KVP, who wore red collar patches, arrived at Premnitz on trucks. They said that they would be followed by 4,000 men. In the morning hours of 15 April 1953, ☐ Plant II at Rathenow was still occupied by the old VP unit, whose men wore red-bordered black patches. <sup>3</sup>

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5. At about 7 p.m. on 8 April 1953, a KVP train passed through Brandenburg toward Neustadt/Dosse. It came from the direction of Rossau and included 10 boxcars with a total of about 250 men and 5 flatcars with eight 122-mm howitzers. 4

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1. Comment. It is doubted that the trains should have been correctly observed with regard to the directions of arrival and departure. It is impossible that tanks and AA guns should have come from Kietz, where the KVP engineer officer candidate school is stationed. No KVPs are stationed at Salzwedel and Gardelegen.

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2. Comment. The trains traveling from and to Ruegen Island possibly carried elements of the Prora Div, which were transferred to the Pasewalk area for record firing.

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3. Comment. Two previous reports mentioned the transfer to the Eggesin area of the 2d Mecz Regt of the Eggesin Mecz Div, which was stationed at Premnitz. The intended transfer of the Gotha KVPD to Premnitz needs confirmation.

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4. Comment. This train possibly carried elements of the howitzer artillery regiment of the Armeegruppe Nord, which were transferred from Dessau-Kochstedt to the Pasewalk area.

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